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Deputy Director/Administration

Legislative Counsel

Congressional inquiry regarding CIA automobiles.

1. It was reported this morning that Mr. Sheridan, an investigator for the Senate Investigation Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments, had come into the CIA Rosslyn garage this morning and requested information concerning the number of automobiles and whose garage it was. The man in charge informed Mr. Sheridan that he could give out no information, and suggested he contact [] at 2430 E Street.

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2. The matter was discussed between [] Acting Chief of Administrative Services, Mr. [] and the undersigned, and I then discussed it with Mr. Francis Flanagan, General Counsel of the Senate Investigation Committee.

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3. Mr. Flanagan informed me that the Committee had received a routine request from a Senator stating that there appeared to be a garage in Rosslyn belonging to the Government which was "packed to the rafters with new cars." I informed Mr. Flanagan that these new cars were solely for [] and that for security reasons we had them here prior to packing them ourselves []. He asked me how many new cars were in the garage, and I stated that I could not furnish such a figure and that for security reasons no such figure should be furnished. I assured him, however, that none of these new cars were for headquarters in Washington. In response to his query as to how many new headquarters cars had been purchased since March 1951, I informed him that we had purchased no cars for headquarters' use since that date.

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4. Mr. Flanagan stated that the inquiry was a routine inquiry caused by Senatorial interest in reducing the number of automobiles, and that he would attempt to satisfy the Senator's query on the basis of my information. He readily understood the security aspects of our []

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